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HIV/AIDS PROJECT
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the first installment of the Global Fund received for HIV/AIDS Project is to be used through NGOs ;

(b) whether AIDS Research and Control Centre (ARCON) ,Mumbai has received the funds and plan to start the next phase of implementation ;

(c) if so, the manner in which the ARCON is helping to support NACO and other NGOs to implement the project ;

(d) whether the HIV/AIDS patients will be getting medicines, care and cure support under this project; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a): Yes Sir, A total of Rs.430.56 lakhs have been released to NGO`s consortium during the year (2004-05) under GFATM Project for Prevention of Parent to Child Transmission of HIV.

(b) & (c): Yeas Sir, ARCON has been released Rs.216.19 lakhs out of the total Rs.430.56 lakhs released to the NGO Consortium.

ARCON as the lead NGO of the NGO Consortium constituted for the implementation of Global Fund Round II has to conduct the following activities:

Provided ARV drugs to People Living with HIV/AIDS(PLHA`s) through an innovative pricing collaboration between four pharmaceutical companies (Ranbaxy, Cipla, Citadel Aurabindo, Genix Pharma) & NGO consortium (ARCON, Freedom Foundation & YRG Care) at a Graduated Cost Recovery Scheme.

Training of physicians in HIV/AIDS care and treatment including appropriate use of ARV drugs.

Under take procurement of CD4 machines for strengthening of laboratories for monitoring patients on ARV drugs.

Establish linkages between institutions, community & Household levels to minimize losses in follow up and poor adherence through on going counselling & networking with PLHAs, NGO/CBOs at the community level.

Strengthen VCT services at the hospital level.

Provide subsidies for CD4 counts for 6000 additional patients being treated with ART by Private Physicians practicing in the vicinity of the project site.

Implement quality control & assurance procedures in the public & Private Labs for CD4 testing.

Initiate Operational Research Studies to address determinants of widening access to ART in the project areas, scaling up access to ART in other high prevalence areas & determine strategies to minimize losses to follow up & poor adherence.

(d) & (e): Yes sir, 1000 eligible HIV/AIDS patients have been targeted for giving Antiretroviral drugs under this project in the first year starting from May, 2004. In addition these patients will be monitored with CD4/CD8 counts and for diagnosis of OI`s. Till date 167 patients have been put on ART by the NGO consortium.